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Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I know whether the Government has forgotten the history in answering in the negative. I refer to the recent proceedings at which it was brought to the notice of this Council that the hon. Mr. Paddison sent a telegram."

The Deputy President :—"I am afraid the hon. Member is making a speech, instead of putting a supplemental question."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"I am asking a question with a little introduction." (Laughter).

The Deputy President :—"The hon. Member may go on with his question instead of his speech."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"My question is with reference to the motion regarding the want of confidence in the Ministry discussed in November 1923; whether Mr. Paddison did not send a telegram to the nominated members to come down to Madras and vote on a particular side."

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—"I am very glad the hon. Member has persevered in his question. I should like him to read the proceedings of this Council in connexion with the proposed vote of No-confidence. The circumstances regarding that telegram have been fully explained and by no stretch of imagination could it be described as a whip. The hon. Member is not justified in suggesting that any kind of whip was issued."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"With reference to the supplementary answer of the hon. the Home Member that Mr. Paddison is exactly in the same position as the other members of the House, may I ask the hon. the Home Member whether he will sit with equanimity if the hon. Member were to sit on this side and vote as he liked?"

The Deputy President :—"I think the Secretary had better pass on."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"That is the best solution."

Civil Justice.

Disposal of unexpended witness-batta.

*6 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the amounts in each of the last three years which were sent to the treasury as unexpended witness-batta and what are the amounts claimed by the parties out of such amounts after they were sent to the treasury and actually refunded in this Presidency; and

(*b*) what, if any, is the estimated gain to the Government by the new rule of the High Court in the recent circular R.O.C. No. $\frac{3848}{21}$, dated 25th March 1924?

A.—The Government have no information but will call for it.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao :—"May I request the hon. the Law Member to also inquire under what statute the circular was issued?"

The hon. Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—"There is no question of statute here."